

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING WARNER TIMMONS

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 15, 2021

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Warner Timmons, another beloved husband, father and grandfather lost suddenly and senselessly to COVID-19 on December 15.

I would like to use my personal privilege to share the words of his son, Jay Timmons, on the event of his father's passing:

I am proud and blessed to be Warner Timmons' son. I share his name, as does my own son. I inherited his sarcastic chuckle and his devious laugh, as well as his love of practical jokes—and there has never been someone as good at them as him. His timing was perfect right until the end. He always looked out for those less fortunate and was always rooting for the underdog—traits that he impressed on me to carry with me throughout my career. He passed on his love of animals, especially rescued dogs and cats, of which there were many in our family. Dad taught me how to tie a tie perfectly as I entered the working world—a full Windsor knot with a dimple in the center, even though I was applying to work at a fast-food restaurant.

He taught me to be respectful to every other human being I encountered and to always have confidence in myself. Even though he was raised in difficult economic conditions during the Great Depression, he coached me on the importance of table manners, of extending courtesy toward others and of maintaining a firm handshake. He taught me to work hard and to take pride in that work. His own work ethic was strengthened during his time in the U.S. Air Force, where he was an airman first class—and was also first chair trumpet in the Air Force Band on his last tour of duty in the former French Morocco in the 1950s. He enjoyed passing along his love of music to his grandkids.

Maybe the most important thing I learned from my Dad is to never back down from a fight. So, Dad, I promise you one more time that I won't stop now. I'll keep fighting, in every way I can, to help others and to get our country that you loved so much to the other side of this nightmare that was so preventable. And I will hope and pray that doing so will protect other families from enduring the searing pain that we feel right now.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 15, 2021

Mr. HARRIS. Madam Speaker, I regret to inform you that I was unable to vote on January 13, 2021, due to an unavoidable conflict. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 17.

IMPEACHING DONALD TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, opponents of this resolution cite the need for unity as a basis of their opposition to impeach the President. The key question, though, is what are we united around. Is it to support a President who summoned, assembled, and lit the flame of this attack—in the words of the Republican Minority Whip—or is it to unite around free and fair elections, a constitutional transfer of power, and our core democratic beliefs. Those members on the other side of the aisle joining us in supporting this resolution are true uniters. The way to unite—and ultimately protect—our country is to hold responsible the person who incited this insurrection.

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SPEECH OF

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I strongly support the impeachment of President Donald J. Trump, who has violated his oath of office by calling for and causing an insurrection at the Capitol. This House would be complicit if it did nothing with the available responses. One, however, has been taken off the table. Vice President Pence has said he will not call the Cabinet together to remove the president on the grounds of disability. Besides, the use of the 25th Amendment would raise its own set of questions for most, such as whether Trump is disabled. That amendment is usually invoked when a President is hospitalized. Many would argue that Trump's actions show himself in true form.

Impeachment is not without its problems, especially with only seven days left before Trump is out of office. The proposal to delay the Senate trial to when President-elect Biden hopes to reinvigorate the urgently needed program to vaccinate Americans against the coronavirus and focus on other priorities is also problematic. There is also no precedent of an impeachment trial for a former president.

There are issues surrounding the most discussed remedies. I say this not because I do not support these remedies, but to draw attention to the need for Congress to go on record—to go on record immediately against the insurrection of January 6, 2021. The only

way to do that before Biden takes office is to pass my concurrent resolution censuring the President for his attempted coup, even after votes had been counted and recounted and had been certified for Biden, and for inciting an insurrection at the Capitol. Moreover, my resolution, which, unlike impeachment and conviction, would require only a majority vote of the House and Senate, and, under the 14th Amendment, would prohibit Trump from holding office again, unless a supermajority of both chambers voted to allow him to serve again. My resolution, therefore, to censure the President has the possibility of being accepted in both Houses since it does not have the high vote threshold in the Senate as conviction after impeachment does. It also points to the President's admonition to Georgia's Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger, to find 11,779 votes.

I believe my resolution can obtain bipartisan and bicameral support given the strongly expressed views of Members of the House and Senate about the incitement. My resolution is not all that the President deserves. This resolution, however, will put the Congress on record against the Trump-inspired insurrection before the next President takes office.

HONORING SHARON PAPO

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 15, 2021

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sharon Esther Papo, a community activist in the Santa Cruz County community on the central coast of California, for over fifteen years of work standing for justice and lived equality for the LGBTQ+ community.

It is my honor to recognize her as she leaves her role as Executive Director of the Diversity Center of Santa Cruz County to spend more time with her family. Her leadership over the past eight years has allowed the organization to excel through funding, policy, and COVID-19 pandemic challenges.

Sharon's activism and professional career have followed her educational journey, where she earned a B.A. in Feminist Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz and a Master's Degree in Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley, and soon became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Sharon has worked with the LGBTQ+ community for more than 15 years, beginning with her time as Program Coordinator for the STRANGE youth program at the Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center.

During her time as Executive Director, Sharon has led the Diversity Center to put a more specific focus on the needs of the most vulnerable segments of our the LGBTQ+ population on the Central Coast, including youth, seniors, queer people of color, and people who identify as transgender or gender neutral. Sharon has also collaborated with key local

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